(b) if so, what action Government propose to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Complaints of corruption involving the State Electricity Boards are looked into and appropriate action taken by the State Government/State Electricity Board.

Rural and Urban Electrification in H.P.

2228. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total assistance provided to Himachal Pradesh during the Eighth Five Year Plan for Rural and Urban Electrification;

(b) the year-wise number of districts electrified under the electrification programme during the said plan period;

(c) whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh had made any time bound programme for electrification of all villages in the State, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) have reported to have availed of a loan assistance of Rs. 7389 lakhs during Eighth Five Year Plan for Rural and Urban electrification.

(b) 100% electrification of all the villages as per 1981 census was done during June, 1998 i.e. prior to commencement of Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) have reported that after achieving the target of 100% village electrification work on electrification of pockets of villages/hamlets has been taken up. Out of total of 4182 identified hamlets, 3792 have been electrified at the end of March 1999 and they have proposed to electrify 100 more hamlets during 1999-2000. The remaining 290 hamlets shall be electrified as per availability of funds in subsequent years.